

The Necessary Cross (1 Peter 3:18)

Sermon Devotional

Series: The Cross

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1. Do you find it easy or difficult to forgive people for wrongs they have done to you?
2. Why did Jesus have to die on the cross in order for God to forgive us? Couldn't he simply have declared us forgiven?

Digging Deeper

3. Read 1 Peter 3:18 or access Pastor David's message at broadviewchurch.com/media.
4. According to this verse, for what reason did Jesus die on the cross?
5. The New Testament uses five main words for sin, which carry the following meanings: missing the target, unrighteousness, a degenerate kind of evil, trespassing, and lawlessness. Do we usually think of sin in those terms?
6. God is so holy that he cannot coexist with sin. John Stott once wrote, "God's holiness exposes sin; his wrath opposes it." When people today think of God, do they typically think of his holiness? If not, what kind of words do people use to describe God?
7. The death of Jesus on the cross was necessary to obtain our forgiveness if we properly understand both the nature of God's holiness and the nature of the sin that we, his imagers, commit. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Bringing It Home

8. What are some of the benefits you have received from Jesus death on the cross?
 9. How much love must Jesus have had to endure the cross for our sake?
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